

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 3 and 29 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and new claims 32-39 are added. No new matter is added by this Amendment, and this Amendment is supported fully by the Specification.

SUMMARY OF ACTION

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 6, 8, 9, 15, 17, 21, 26 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0160231 to Cole et al. The Office Action objects to claims 2-5, 7, 10-14, 16, 18-20, 22-25, 27 and 29-31 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but indicates that such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 6, 8, 9, 15, 17, 21, 26 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0160231 to Cole et al. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

By this Amendment, the features of claim 3 (which was indicated as allowable in the Office Action) have been incorporated into independent claim 1. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is in condition for allowance. All claims depending from amended claim 1 should similarly be allowable. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 6, 8, 9, 15, 17, 21, 26 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as well as the objection to claims 2, 4-5, 7, 10-14, 16, 18-20, 22-25, 27 and 30-31 is respectfully requested.

New Claims

New Claims 32-39 have been added and include the features from several claims that previously depended from original claim 1 and that were indicated as allowable in the Office Action. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that new claims 32-39 are also in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

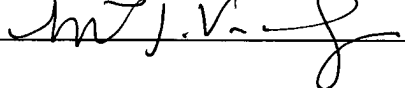
In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1349. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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